A.—(*a*) As regards classes of employees, a statement [a] is laid on the table of the House.

All the posts in the Transport department are temporary and are continued from year to year. The question of framing service rules regulating the conditions of service of the employees in the Transport department is under the consideration of the Government.

(*b*) The technical workers of the Government Transport department alone are governed by the Factories Act. The Madras Shops and Establishments Act has not been made applicable to the Transport department.

(*c*) All the employees of the Transport department are temporary.

(*d*) About 7 years and 9 months in some cases.

(*e*) Excepting the daily paid staff among the traffic and technical (work-charged) establishment who are not allowed leave or holiday with wages, all the staff on the monthly paid category enjoy weekly holidays, annual leave facilities, etc.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. CHAIRMAN.

ACTS ASSENTED TO BY THE GOVERNOR.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to announce to the House that the Madras Irrigation (Levy of Betterment Contribution) Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 26 of 1954), which was passed by the Madras Legislature on the 17th February 1955 received the assent of the Governor on the 4th March 1955 and has been published as Act No. III of 1955 in Part IV-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 16th March 1955.

" I have also to announce to the House that the Madras City Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1955 (L.A. Bill No. 1 of 1955), which was passed by the Madras Legislature on the 8th February 1955 received the assent of the Governor on the 4th March 1955 and has been published as Act No. IV of 1955 in Part IV-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 16th March 1955."

III.—GOVERNMENT MOTIONS.

3-30 p.m. (1) ELECTION OF NINE MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I move—

' *That, with reference to Rule 154 of the Madras Council Rules, this Council do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. Chairman to elect nine members to be members of the Committee of Privileges for the financial year* 1955–56.' "

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[a] **Printed as Appendix II on pages 606–607 infra.**

ELECTION OF NINE MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" The question is—

'That, with reference to Rule 154 of the Madras Council Rules, this Council do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. Chairman to elect nine members to be members of the Committee of Privileges for the financial year 1955–56.' "

The motion was carried.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to inform the House that, in accordance with the Regulations framed by me for the holding of elections according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, I fix 5 p.m. on Thursday, the 24th March 1955 as the time within which nomination of candidates for election to the Committee of Privileges should reach the Secretary. There will be an election between 12 noon and 2 p.m. on Tuesday, the 29th March 1955, if the number of candidates nominated exceeds nine."

(2) ELECTION OF SIX MEMBERS TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I move—

'*That, with reference to Rule 171 of the Madras Council Rules, this Council do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. Chairman to elect six members to be members of the House Committee for the financial year* 1955–56."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" The question is—

'That, with reference to Rule 171 of the Madras Council Rules, this Council do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. Chairman to elect six members to be members of the House Committee for the financial year 1955–56.' "

The motion was carried.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to inform the House that in accordance with the Regulations framed by me for the holding of elections according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, I fix 5 p.m. on Saturday, the 19th March 1955 as the time within which nomination of candidates for election to the House Committee should reach the Secretary. There will be an election between 12 noon and 2 p.m. on Thursday, the 24th March 1955, if the number of candidates nominated exceeds six.

" We will now continue the discussion on the Madras Plantations and Agricultural Income-tax Bill, 1954.